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In re Patent Application of

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PETITION UNDER RULE 1.181 TO WITHDRAW AN IMPROPERLY ISSUED NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

The above identified application has been held to be abandoned for failure to respond to an outstanding USPTO Action. A notice of abandonment was issued January 17, 2006.

This petition is made under Rule 1.181 to withdraw the notice of abandonment as having been improperly issued.

The notice of abandonment was improperly issued January 17, 2007. The reason for the abandonment stated in the notice is that “[n]o reply has been received” to a PTO Action dated 27 June 2006. A timely and comprehensive response was filed on 27 December 2006, with a three month petition for a time extension. The response was filed electronically (EFS-Web) and assigned an electronic acknowledgement receipt (EFS ID) 1402375. Also on 27 December 2006 a second EFS-Web filing was made to pay for additional claims (EFS ID 1402391). The filing of the reply on 27 December 2006 is reported in PAIR (Image File Wrapper). Accordingly, a response was timely filed with appropriate time extension fees and the application was not abandoned. It is respectfully requested that this petition be granted and the notice of abandonment be withdrawn.

No fees are believed due for this petition.

Having met all of the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.181, withdrawal is respectfully requested that the notice of abandonment of the above identified application and the application sent for further prosecution in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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